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Government Technical Examinations

* 130 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates for Government Technical Examinations (Typewriting and Shorthand) are required to apply through recognised Commercial Institutes;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that private candidates are not permitted to appear directly for such Government Examinations and, if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether the South Indian Shorthand Writers' Central Association, Madras, has recently made any representations to Government about the difficulties of private candidates in this regard; and 10–10 a.m.

(*d*) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

(*c*) & (*d*) Yes, Sir. A representation was received, especially to permit a certain candidate to appear privately for the Lower Grade Examination in Tamil Shorthand in the P. G. Subramanya Iyer System. Due to certain practical difficulties, the Commissioner for Government Examinations was not able to arrange for the conduct of the Examination in that system.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : What are the recognised systems of Shorthand in Tamil for public examination and what is the basis for recognition?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A separate question may be put.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Have the Government published any Tamil Shorthand Manual for guidance of Shorthand candidates and, if not, will they consider the same?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think we have published any Manual for Tamil Shorthand. But I think others have published.

Aided Secondary Schools

* 131 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any maximum limit prescribed by the Government in regard to the fees leviable by the managements in aided secondary schools;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the management in certain aided secondary schools in Tiruchirappalli have exceeded this limit; and

(*c*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 449–450 infra.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Was it not a fact that the Government issued an order one or two years before that fees should not be raised for the sake of payment of the enhanced dearness allowance of twelve rupees in secondary schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It was an instruction issued. But the question is whether there is any maximum limit prescribed. There is no maximum limit prescribed. After all, this will depend upon demand and supply. They cannot go on indefinitely increasing. That would limit the admission into these schools.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: The surplus amount got by these institutions in running them is not reduced by the Government when paying the next grant. Inasmuch as the surplus of these secondary schools is not taken into consideration by the Government when paying the grant for the next year, will they kindly see that they do not tax the parents by enhancing it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Nobody forces anybody to join any particular school. After all, I do not think the managements are so irresponsible as to go on increasing the school fees. My own impression is that it is only whenever there is any need for the purpose of developing the school or to meet the recurring expenditure, the school fees are raised.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Do the Government know that not even a portion of this goes to the teachers even when they raise the school fees in respect of pupils?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I cannot here say what shall be given to the teachers and all those things. The Grant-in-Aid Code is there and the rules relating to the management of the school are there and they will have to be governed by them. Certainly, we cannot say that a share in the school fee should be paid to the teacher.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Is it not the policy of the Government that inasmuch as they give only aid, they should not impose any ceiling on the school fees because they only pay a part of the deficit and not pay in full?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The hon. Member is giving one of the reasons why the Government have not fixed any maximum limit with regard to the school fees.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Will the Government bring into account the surplus at least through the Act under contemplation?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: My impression is that even now surplus amounts are taken into consideration. It is not as if they are not taken into consideration.

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Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI: அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் இந்த கிராண்டை மாற்றியமைப்பதுபற்றிச் சொன்னார்கள். எப்படி அமைக்கப்படுகிறது ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: இப்போதுதான் கல்வி ஆலோசனைக் கமிட்டி எல்லாவற்றையும் பரிசீலனை செய்து முடிவு எடுத்திருக்கிறது. அந்த அடிப்படையில் அமைக்கப்படுகிறது.

Playground for the schools

* 132 Q.—Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a circular has been received from the Government of India about the provision of playground for the schools; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) & (b) The Government of India have circulated a scheme for grant of financial assistance for provision of playgrounds. This Government forwarded applications in this regard received from institutions for their consideration. The Government of India have since sanctioned a grant of Rs. 72,500 to be utilised by the State Government towards the scheme in the current year. Action is being taken to utilise the grant.

Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI: மத்திய சர்க்கார் கொடுக்கின்ற உதவியோடு நம் சர்க்காரும் ஏதாவது கொடுக்கவேண்டியிருக்கும். அதே போன்று அந்த மைதானத்தை உபயோகப் படுத்திக்கொள்கிறவர்களும் கொடுக்க வேண்டியிருக்கும். இதனால் எத்தனை மைதானங்கள் ஏற்படும், எங்கெங்கு நன்மை கிடைக்கும் என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: இது பற்றி டைரக்டர் ஆப் பப்ளிக் இன்ஷ்ட்ரக்ஷனுடைய அறிக்கையைக் கேட்டிருக்கிறோம். அது வந்த பிறகு இந்த விவரங்கள் எல்லாம் தெரியும்.

Small Industries

* 123 Q.—Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether any survey has been conducted with a view to promote small industries in the more backward areas in Ramanathapuram district; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to develop small industries in Virudhunagar area, and if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) Yes, Sir. The Small Industries Service Institute, Madras, set up by the Government of India conducted a general industrial survey of Ramanathapuram district in September—October 1959, with a view to assess